

**REMARKS**

Claims 2 – 6, 11, 21 – 24, 29, 31 – 33 and 39 – 55 were pending in the instant application when last examined and are allowed.

**Objections to the Drawings**

In item 3, the office action objected to the drawings citing various informalities. Applicants submit herewith replacement sheets for all drawings to bring the drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

**Allowable Subject Matter**

In items 4 - 5, the office action indicates that claims 2 – 6, 11, 21 – 24, 29, 31 – 33 and 39 – 55 are allowed. The office action also provided a statement for the reasons of allowance, in which it is stated, “Applicant’s invention is closely related to previous work in the field of data warehousing”.

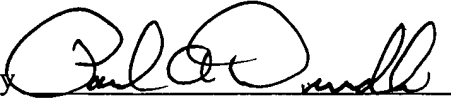
While Applicant concurs that claims 2 – 6, 11, 21 – 24, 29, 31 – 33 and 39 – 55 are allowable, Applicant respectfully objects to the statement “Applicant’s invention is closely related to previous work in the field of data warehousing.”

Accordingly Applicants respectfully provide the following statement for reasons for allowance: Claims 2 – 6, 11, 21 – 24, 29, 31 – 33 and 39 – 55 are allowable because these claims meet the statutory requirements of patentability as set forth by the applicable provisions of title 35 of the U.S. Code.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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